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THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. Decision III/24 of the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a quarterly report on the administration of the Convention including such matters as the staff lists, status of contributions, progress on the implementation of the medium term work programme and financial expenditures. The requirements to report on a regular basis to the Parties were further elaborated under the Administrative Arrangements between the Secretariat and UNEP which were endorsed by the Conference of the Parties in decision IV/17.
2. The Executive Secretary has prepared this Quarterly Report which contains a summary of key activities implementing the decisions of the Conference of the Parties and other relevant matters during the period 1 January to 31 March 2000.

II. EXECUTIVE DIRECTION AND MANAGEMENT

3. The period covered by this Report was a very busy one. Indeed, during this period the Secretariat organised and convened the Resumed First Extraordinary Meeting of the Parties, which successfully adopted the Biosafety Protocol to the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Fifth Meeting of the SBSTTA, and the First Meeting of the Open-Ended Inter-sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions.
4. The Secretariat also participated in a series of regional meetings to prepare for the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-5), including two ministerial meetings – GRULAC in Barbados and AMCEN in Abuja, Nigeria, as well as the Pan-European meeting, held in Riga, Latvia.
5. Work progressed well on the preparation of “The Handbook of the Convention on Biological Diversity” with a view to its distribution at COP-5. A guide to the Convention and a brochure have also been finalized and will be available at COP-5.
6. The Secretariat has been busy preparing for COP-5 to be held in Nairobi, in May 2000. Following the fifth meeting of SBSTTA and the meeting of the working group on article 8 (j), the documentation has been completed and posted on the Secretariat website. The Government of Kenya and UNON are cooperating actively in the organization of the meeting.

III. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

7. The Secretariat regularly reviews implementation of the Administrative Arrangements endorsed by the COP in decision IV/17. The status of implementation of the agreed Administrative Arrangements is presented in Annex I. The following, highlights the key features of the Secretariat’s activities with respect to implementation of these Arrangements.

A. Personnel Arrangements

8. As at 31 March 2000, the Secretariat had 22 regularized Professional staff members and 17 regularized General Service staff members. Additionally, 11 Professional posts and 3 General Service posts were funded from other sources. Please refer to the attached staff list and organigram (Annexes I and II respectively)

B. Financial Arrangements

9. With regard to budgetary matters, as at 31 March 2000, of the total pledged contributions of US\$7,110,010 for 2000 to the General Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity (**BY Trust Fund**), the total contributions received amounted to US\$3,502,181. A balance of US\$3,607,829 is still outstanding for 2000. Total unpaid pledges to the BY Trust Fund for prior years amounts to US\$1,169,071.

10. Several Parties have contributed additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**). As of 31 March 2000, the total amount pledged and collected for 2000 for this purpose was US\$32,423. Total unpaid pledges for prior years to the BE Trust Fund is US\$59,729.

11. The Government of the United Kingdom has contributed for various activities of the Convention including the publication of the CBD Handbook and CBD Brochure as well as for the meeting of the Global Biodiversity Outlook. Funds were also provided by the Government of Spain for hosting the Ad Hoc Working Group on Article 8(j) which took place in Seville, Spain from 27 –31 March 2000. Details of the BE Trust Fund are contained in Annex III.

12. Further contributions totalling US\$429,920 were pledged as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the participation of Parties to the Convention Process (**BZ Trust Fund**) in 2000 of which a total of US\$333,861 has been collected. Additionally, US\$102,963 has been collected during 2000 for prior years' pledges. Total unpaid pledges for 2000 and prior years to the BZ Trust Fund amount to US\$354,854. Annex IV contains details.

13. Invoices have been sent to the 174 Parties to the Convention listed in Appendix 1 to Annex 1, Part A of Decision III/24, inviting them to pay their contributions to the Trust Fund for 1999 and 2000. To date fifty-one countries have paid their assessed contributions for 2000 amounting to 49% of the total amount pledged to the Trust Fund in 2000. The Statement of Contributions to the General Trust Fund, as provided by the Trustee as at 31 March 2000 is attached as Annex V to this report.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL MATTERS DIVISION

DECISION IV/1: REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE THIRD MEETING OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE, AND INSTRUCTIONS BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE

Scientific assessments

14. The issue of a scientific assessment process for the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) was discussed at the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) at its fifth meeting and a recommendation in this respect for the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP) was developed under the Agenda item on Cooperation with other bodies. The Executive Secretary also participated in a roundtable discussion organized by the International Council on Metals and the Environment (ICME), Kew Gardens, UK, 14-15 March 2000, which dealt with the status of

biodiversity, biodiversity assessment, environmental impact assessment (EIA) and socio-economic assessment.

Indicators

15. In response to recommendation III/5 of SBSTTA-3 and decision IV/1 A of COP-4 to the Convention, requesting the Executive Secretary to initiate a two-track programme of work on biodiversity indicators, the Executive Secretary prepared Document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/5/12 for SBSTTA-5.

16. During SBSTTA-5, the document was reviewed and a core set of indicators was considered premature. Instead, SBSTTA recommended that the pending activities in the programme of work, such as the formulation of principles for designing national level monitoring programmes and indicators, standard questions and a list of available and potential indicators be developed and reported on at COP-6.

Ecosystem approach

17. Recognizing the ecosystem approach as the primary framework for action under the Convention, COP-4 acknowledged the need for a workable description and further elaboration of the ecosystems approach, and requested SBSTTA "to develop principles and other guidance on the ecosystem approach, taking into consideration, inter alia, the results of the Malawi workshop, and to report thereon to COP-5".

18. To assist the SBSTTA-5 in developing such principles and guidance on the ecosystem approach for the consideration of the COP, the Executive Secretary prepared a pre-session document (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/5/11) drawing upon the experience and conclusions of a number of workshops and other initiatives that have been organized on the ecosystem approach in recent years as well as on a Liaison Group that he convened in Paris in September 1999. This pre-session document was discussed at SBSTTA-5.

Alien species that threaten ecosystems, habitats or species

19. SBSTTA-5 produced recommendation V/4 on guiding principles for the prevention, introduction and mitigation of impacts of alien species. This invites Parties to take into account the interim guiding principles prepared by the Secretariat in cooperation with the Global Invasive Species Programme (GISP) in implementing Article 8 (h) of the Convention. Recommendation V/4 also recommends the adoption of the outline for case studies agreed by SBSTTA, and invites Parties to submit case studies focusing on thematic assessments. Parties, other Governments and relevant bodies have been requested to submit written comments to the Executive Secretary on the interim guiding principles to be taken into account with case studies in the further elaboration of the interim guiding principles by SBSTTA-6. The Executive Secretary was requested to distribute these comments through the national focal points.

20. SBSTTA-5 recommendation V/4 recommends that COP requests the Executive Secretary to work in close collaboration with GISP, relevant organizations and instruments to ensure consistency with the development of standard terminology on alien species, and invites GISP to report on the synthesis of phase 1 of GISP to SBSTTA-6. Recommendation V/4 also requests the Executive Secretary to cooperate with other relevant bodies to coordinate work on alien species, and to report on potential joint work programmes to SBSTTA-6. Furthermore the Executive Secretary is requested to develop a paper for SBSTTA-6 and COP-6 setting out options for future work of the Convention on alien species that would provide practical support to Parties, Governments and organizations in the implementation of Article 8(h).

22. The Secretariat participated in the Global Invasive Species Programme (GISP) Executive meeting held on 29 January 2000 prior to SBSTTA to discuss cooperation between GISP and SCBD. The meeting discussed the current areas of work of GISP that will assist the COP in its future work on alien species based on SBSTTA recommendation IV/4, and should COP adopt this recommendation to formalize cooperation between the SCBD and GISP through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) of those areas of work that GISP would undertake to provide to the COP.

23. During SBSTTA-5 the Secretariat met with the Secretariat of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) to discuss issues regarding the work on Alien Species in both Conventions. This meeting discussed areas of overlap between the Conventions in relation to alien species that affect the environment, especially in the area of agro-biodiversity, the need to work together for the benefit of both Conventions, building on the strengths inherent in either process, and clearly defining "areas of work" both independent of each Convention as well as jointly that would provide a constructive working relationship. The meeting discussed that some form of recognition of cooperation between the Conventions would be a useful tool for cooperation, i.e. an MoU, and agreed to work together to prepare advice for the Conferences of the Parties of both Conventions.

Global Taxonomy Initiative

24. In order to assist SBSTTA-5 the Executive Secretary in its discussions on the GTI the Executive Secretary prepared a pre-session document (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/5/4) containing a goal statement for the GTI, four major baseline taxonomic activities and an option for the establishment of a coordination mechanism for the GTI.

25. SBSTTA-5 produced recommendation V/3 on the review of the GTI, which recommends that the COP establish a coordination mechanism for the GTI, and urges Parties, Governments and other relevant organizations undertake a series of priority activities, such as the assessment of national taxonomic capacity. SBSTTA-5 also requested the Executive Secretary to develop terms of reference for the GTI coordination mechanism for submission to COP-5, which were developed following SBSTTA-5 and are contained in UNEP/CBD/COP/5/12.

26. Recommendation V/3 also requests the Executive Secretary with the assistance of the proposed coordination mechanism to draft a work programme for the GTI defining timetables, goals, products and pilot projects for consideration by SBSTTA, and to initiate short term activities such as regional meetings to prioritize the most urgent taxonomic needs. The Executive Secretary is also requested to synthesize the findings of previous expert meetings, relevant sections of national reports and SBSTTA recommendations, as advice for the proposed regional meetings.

27. Planning has begun for at least three regional meetings. At SBSTTA-5 the Government of Sweden offered to fund two regional meetings as well as targeted background research for these meetings, in addition to their generous contribution for the Secretariat GTI Programme Officer. Discussions with representatives from the Swedish Government were undertaken to ascertain what outcomes were being sought from the regional meetings.

28. Between the 17th and 23rd of January 2000 the Secretariat participated in meetings at the Academy of Natural Sciences (ANS), Philadelphia, the Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Washington, the Smithsonian Institution National Museum of Natural History, and the American Museum of Natural History (AMNH), to seek input on the GTI, and gather information on the role of North American institutions in the GTI both regionally and globally. The Secretariat presented lunchtime seminars on GTI and the role of taxonomic institutions to ANS and AMNH staff in Philadelphia and New York, respectively.

29. During SBSTTA-5 the Secretariat organized two informal lunchtime meetings to provide briefings on the history of the GTI within the CBD, the previous relevant decisions of COP, and the priority areas of work that had been identified by COP for the Executive Secretary, Parties, and the taxonomic community. The meetings provided opportunities for input to the SCBD on the priority areas of work of the Programme Officer as well for Parties and observers to seek information on the GTI.

30. On the 16th February 2000 the Secretariat participated in meetings at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, UK, to identify areas of collaboration with the SCBD. Kew staff were identified as being available to prepare and service regional meetings, as well as to assist in discussions at COP-5.

DECISION IV/4: STATUS AND TRENDS OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY OF INLAND WATER ECOSYSTEMS AND OPTIONS FOR CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE

31. SBSTTA-5 produced recommendation V/5, which noted the need to broaden cooperation by involving organizations and activities such as the Global International Water Assessment (GIWA), the Global Action Plan on Peatlands (GAPP), the World Resources Institute (WRI), as well as to take into account, as appropriate, the finalized Water Policy Strategy of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and to make use of the experience of organizations such as the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and IUCN-The World Conservation Union in the development of databases and in the identification of indicators for inland water biological diversity. SBSTTA also noted the need to cooperate, as appropriate, with other non-governmental organizations in developing activities relevant to the programme of work, and recommended to COP-5 to address the lack of information on the status of inland water biological diversity at the national level and to include this information in their national reports.

32. A proposed CBD-Ramsar joint work plan 2000-2001 was presented at SBSTTA-5, contained in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/V/Inf/12. In recommendation V/5 on inland water biodiversity, SBSTTA recommended to COP-5 to endorse the above mentioned proposed joint work plan.

33. Exchanges of views are continuing between the SCBD and the Ramsar Secretariat related to further development of the River Basin Initiative project (RBI). It has been agreed in principle that the Global Environment Centre (GEC) will act as a coordinator for this particular activity, which will contribute to the implementation of relevant decisions of the CBD and Ramsar Convention, respectively. During SBSTTA-5, the representative of GEC gave a presentation on RBI. Several discussions were arranged with potential international partner organizations, such as UNEP, UNESCO, UNDP, International Water Management Institutes (IWMI), International Center for Living Aquatic Resources and management (ICLARM), WWF, IUCN, the Wetlands International, GEF, and Global Water Partnership. In addition, at the occasion of the Water Forum (The Hague, March 2000) relevant matters were discussed with representatives of Development Aid Agencies of The Netherlands (NEDA/PIN), Germany (GTZ), the UK (DFID) and Sweden (SIDA). Work is under way to revise the RBI documentation in light of consultations and to prepare for its launch during COP-5.

DECISION IV/5: CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF MARINE AND COASTAL BIODIVERSITY, INCLUDING A PROGRAMME OF WORK

34. In recommendation V/6, SBSTTA-5 took note of implementation tools for the work programme on marine and coastal biodiversity at the international level as contained in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/5/7 and formulated recommendations on the coral bleaching phenomenon for consideration by COP-5. As part of the implementation of the Jakarta Mandate Programme of

work, the Executive Secretary prepared four information documents for submission to COP-5. These documents have the following titles:

- Review of existing instruments relevant to integrated marine and coastal area management and their implications for the implementation of the Convention (UNEP/CBD/COP/V/Inf.6);
- Information on marine and coastal genetic resources, including bioprospecting (UNEP/CBD/COP/V/Inf.7);
- Criteria for the selection of marine and coastal protected areas (UNEP/CBD/COP/V/Inf.8); and
- Gaps in existing or proposed legal instruments, guidelines and procedures to counteract the introduction of and adverse effects exerted by alien species and genotypes that threaten ecosystems, habitats or species (UNEP/CBD/COP/V/Inf.9).

35. In preparing the above documents, the Executive Secretary benefited from inputs provided by partner organizations and experts as well as other available information.

36. Cooperation with partner organizations continued, with the International Centre for Living Aquatic Resources Management (ICLARM), FAO, United Nations Division of Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (UNDOALOS), the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI), UNESCO, International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) as well as secretariats of regional seas Conventions and Action Plans, such as the Permanent Commission for the South-east Pacific (CPPS), the Secretariat of the Barcelona Convention, the UNEP Regional Coordinating Unit for the East Asian Seas Action Plan and the Helsinki Commission.

37. The SCBD exchanged information, material and experiences relevant to the implementation of the programme of work on marine and coastal living resources, in particular with ICLARM and FAO. The study on the effects of stock enhancement on marine and coastal biological diversity called for in decision IV/5 has been commenced in cooperation with the above-mentioned two organizations; however, limited financial resources have hindered its full implementation, and this activity needs to be completed during the next implementation phase of the work programme.

38. The UN DOALOS has sent an extended outline of the study on the relationship between the Convention and the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea with regard to the conservation and sustainable use of genetic resources on the deep seabed. The UN DOALOS has expressed its willingness to contribute to the study as mandated by the COP in decision II/10 paragraph 12.

39. The ICRI secretariat provided the SCBD with the report of the Coordination and Planning Committee (CPC) of ICRI, held in Guadeloupe, in October 1999. The document entitled "ICRI Resolution on Coral Bleaching and Climate Change" was distributed at the fifth meeting of SBSTTA, as part of the document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/V/Inf/5. Also, the Secretariat of ICRI is inviting the SCBD to attend the next meeting of the CPC-ICRI, to be held in Noumea, New Caledonia, from 25 to 26 May 2000. A regional symposium on "Coral Reefs in the Pacific: status and monitoring resources and management, will also be held back-to-back with the CPC-ICRI meeting in Noumea, from 22 to 24 May 2000.

40. The CPPS, as the Secretariat of the Lima Convention informed the Secretariat that the IX Intergovernmental Meeting on the Southeast Pacific Action Plan, held in January 2000, recognized the successful development of the cooperation programme that is being carried out between the CPPS and the CBD and endorsed the continuation of the joint programme.

41. During SBSTTA-5, the SCBD discussed with the representative of the Regional Activity Centre for Specially Protected Areas-RAC SPA (on behalf of the Barcelona Convention Secretariat) the follow-up of the draft memorandum of cooperation between the SCBD and the Barcelona Convention Secretariat. The SCBD will provide elements to improve the draft texts, developed earlier by RAC SPA.
42. Following discussion between the SCBD and UNDP in January 2000, the Executive Secretary is invited to consider the possibility of cooperating with UNDP in developing training activities in the context of decision IV/10B as well as in the context of training and capacity building provisions on Integrated Marine and Coastal Area Management identified in decision IV/5.
43. A preliminary discussion was conducted between the SCBD and a representative of the World Resource Institute (WRI) in the context of possible collaboration toward implementation of decision IV/5, in particular related to coral reef components.
44. In response to the invitation to participate in the open-ended informal consultative process, established by the UN General Assembly in its Resolution A/54/33 to consider issues related to oceans and the law of the sea and provide a mechanism for cooperation and harmonization among relevant organizations in January 2000, the Executive Secretary expressed his interest in being part of this important process and provided a comprehensive input to the first meeting of the open-ended informal consultative process, to be held in New York from 30 May to 2 June 2000.
45. In following up the offer from the Government of Sweden on the production of a brochure on the Jakarta Mandate on marine and coastal biodiversity, the SCBD is preparing a draft of the brochure, which is presently being finalized. The brochure will be distributed at COP-5.
46. The SCBD participated in the First meeting of Global International Waters Assessment (GIWA) Methodology Task Team, held in Plymouth, from 10 to 13 January 2000. The CBD activities on the subject matter were presented.

DECISION IV/6: AGRICULTURAL BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

47. SBSTTA-5 invited FAO to continue to work together with other relevant bodies, and also to expand cooperation by inviting other relevant organizations, in supporting the implementation of the programme of work, and to avoid duplication of activities (see Report of SBSTTA-5: document UNEP/CBD/COP/5/3).
48. The Executive Secretary was represented at the STAP brainstorming workshop on agricultural biodiversity in Barbados, 21 to 22 February 2000, and at the new Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel of GEF (STAP-II), 23 to 25 February 2000. The objective of the session was, inter alia, to provide inputs to the new Operational Programme on agricultural biodiversity being developed by the GEF Secretariat. The Secretariat provided further comments and inputs to the draft Operational Plan in follow-up to the meeting. The brainstorming session and the STAP-session itself provided a valuable opportunity to promote the ecosystem approach, discuss the proposals for the new elements of the agricultural biodiversity programme of work as developed by SBSTTA-5 and to report on the outcome of SBSTTA-5 in general. Discussions were held and contacts strengthened on these matters with various agencies such as UNEP, FAO, UNESCO, World Bank, International Plant Genetic Resources Institute (IPGRI), the Secretariat of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (CCD) and the Secretariat of GEF. The draft programme of work on agricultural biodiversity was well received.

49. In line with SBSTTA recommendation V/10, the SCBD held discussions with representatives of UNESCO- Man and the Biosphere (MAB) and the IUCN-Commission on ecosystem management to start planning a series of regional workshops on the ecosystem approach to be held later this year.

50. The web pages on agricultural biodiversity have been updated in the light of the recommendations of SBSTTA-5 (<http://www.biodiv.org/agro/>). All case study material received so far is now available on the web site. The SCBD also prepared, as an information paper for COP-5, summaries of case studies on soil biota, pollinators and integrated landscape and farming system management, and of coverage of agricultural biological diversity in national reports.

DECISION IV/7: FOREST BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

51. The Executive Secretary prepared progress reports for the consideration of SBSTTA-5. In addition and in response to paragraph 12 of decision IV/7, the Executive Secretary prepared for the consideration of SBSTTA-5 a note which contained a preliminary assessment of the current knowledge of and methodologies for assessing the status and trends of forest biological diversity.

52. The Executive Secretary also prepared a substantive report on the implementation of the programme of work on forest biological diversity since COP-4 to be submitted to the consideration of COP-5 as well as a note containing a synthesis of information on forest biological diversity based on information from national reports and prepared in the context of decision IV/7, paragraph 10.

53. With respect to the implementation of the first three first programme elements, the Executive Secretary has undertaken the following activities:

Programme element 1: Holistic and inter-sectoral ecosystem approaches

54. With regard to the ecosystem approach, the implementation of the work programme is benefiting from the guidance and the principles recommended by SBSTTA recommendation V/10. Using the ecosystem approach framework, the Executive Secretary is working on the elaboration of methodologies for enhancing the integration of forest biological diversity and sustainable use into a holistic approach to sustainable forest management. In this process, the Executive Secretary is drawing upon the work of UNEP, FAO, UNESCO and the Centre of International Forestry Research (CIFOR).

55. The Executive Secretary sent a letter dated 27 January, 2000 to the National Focal Points requesting case studies from countries in which the ecosystem approach has been applied in sustainable forest management practices. They will be compiled and highlighted in a document as the lessons learnt for the consideration of the COP-6.

56. The Executive Secretary has begun collecting relevant technical and scientific information on networks at all levels of protected areas and networking modalities, drawing upon the work of UNESCO, FAO, UNEP, Intergovernmental Forum on Forests (IFF), World Conservation Monitoring Centre (WCMC) and IUCN.

Programme element 2: Analysis of the ways in which human activities influence forest biological diversity

57. The Executive Secretary has started to assess information on the causes of deforestation and forest degradation so as to present at SBSTTA-7 a comprehensive analysis of the ways in which human

activities influence forest biological diversity. This work is drawing upon, inter alia, activities from FAO, UNEP/WCMC, IFF and CIFOR.

Programme element 3: Criteria and indicators for forest biological diversity

58. The Executive Secretary has started assessing experiences gained in the implementation of national and regional processes and identifying common elements and gaps in the existing initiatives with regard to indicators for forest biological diversity, building upon the work of FAO, UNEP, International Timber Trade Organization (ITTO), African Timber Organization (ATO) and CIFOR. With respect to cooperation with relevant conventions, organizations and bodies, the Executive Secretary participated in the fourth and last meeting of IFF held in New York in February 2000.

59. The Convention's website on forest biological diversity has been updated taking into account new elements. The website now includes decision IV/7 and its work programme, as well as other relevant COP decisions and SBSTTA recommendations. It also contains relevant information regarding forest-related processes such as IFF. It provides new references to scientific and technical documentation and links with relevant organizations.

60. The Executive Secretary has also updated the roster of experts on forest biological diversity which, as of February 2000, contains 392 names of experts from 91 countries.

DECISION IV/8: ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING

61. Two side events on the issue of access and benefit-sharing were held during SBSTTA-5. An exchange of views and discussions took place in which it became clear that various partners in society increasingly embrace an integrated approach to benefit-sharing that includes a "package" of monetary and non-monetary benefits, attempting to distribute them over the short-, intermediate- and long-term. Additionally, it was highlighted that access legislation and the negotiating position of individual provider institutes increasingly prioritise non-monetary benefits, such as the sharing of research results, participation in research, technology transfer, training and capacity-building.

DECISION IV/9: IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 8 (j) AND RELATED PROVISIONS

62. The COP-4, in Bratislava, in May 1998 established an Ad hoc Open-ended Inter-Sessional Working Group to address the implementation of Article 8(j) and related provisions. The mandate of this working group includes the provision of advice to the COP-5 on the application and development of legal and other appropriate forms of protection for traditional knowledge; the development and implementation of a programme of work at both national and international levels and to also develop a programme of work based on the structure of the elements of the Madrid Report (UNEP/CBD/COP/4/10/Add.1) and those objectives and activities falling within the scope on the Convention: and measures to strengthen cooperation among indigenous and local communities at the international level.

63. The first meeting of the Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions was held in Seville, Spain from 27-31 March, 2000. The Working Group consolidated the intersessional work which had begun in Madrid, Spain, November 1997. The hall-mark of both meetings was the high level of participation of representatives of indigenous and local communities in shaping the outcomes.

64. The Working Group considered, as a matter of priority, legal and other appropriate forms of protection for the traditional knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities. In its advice to COP, the Working Group, inter alia:

- Emphasized the need for further case studies to enable a meaningful assessment of the effectiveness of existing legal and other appropriate forms of protection for traditional knowledge;
- Requested a review of activities relating to traditional knowledge being undertaken by UN-organizations and - agencies, and other bodies, with a view to identifying areas of complementarities and synergy and mechanisms for promoting coordination and mutual supportiveness of activities aiming at implementing Article 8(j) of the Convention;
- Reaffirmed the importance of making Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention and provisions of international agreements related to intellectual property rights mutually supportive; and
- Recognized the importance of *sui generis* and other appropriate systems for the protection of traditional knowledge and the equitable sharing of benefits arising from its use to meet the provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity, taking into account the on-going work on Article 8(j) and related provisions, and transmit its findings to the WTO and World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), as suggested in paragraph 6(b) of recommendation 3 of the Inter-Sessional meeting on the Operations of the Convention (ISOC).

65. In addition, the Working Group reaffirmed the recommendation of ISOC, that COP recognizes the importance of systems such as sui generis and others for the protection of traditional knowledge and the equitable sharing of benefits from its use to meet the objectives of the Convention.

66. The Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-Sessional Working Group recommended a two-phase programme of work. The structure for the seven elements of this work programme was considered at COP-4 and provides the framework for the seventeen tasks which were identified by the Working Group as necessary for its implementation. The proposed programme of work fulfills many of the objectives of Chapter 26 of Agenda 21.

67. The involvement of representatives of indigenous and local communities embodying traditional lifestyles relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity has been critical to this whole process.

68. The conclusions and recommendation of the first meeting of the Ad hoc Open-ended Inter-Sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and related provisions will be followed up by COP-5. As part of Decision III/14 and IV/9, the SCBD has been working in collaboration with other UN-Organizations and – Agencies, particularly WIPO.

69. In respecting the Memorandum of Cooperation between WIPO and the SCBD, over the last three years, WIPO had taken considerable steps to address the issue of finding ways and means for the protection of traditional knowledge of indigenous and local communities. WIPO has also paid particular attention to the role of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR's) in the preservation, conservation and dissemination of global biodiversity. WIPO's work programme for the 2000 – 2001 biennium on traditional knowledge includes, inter alia:

- Practical studies of actual examples in which traditional knowledge protection has been sought under the IP - system;

- Feasibility studies on the applicability of customary laws to traditional knowledge; and
- A pilot project on collective acquisition, management and enforcement of IPR's in traditional knowledge.

70. WIPO has expressed in its statement at the Seville meeting its willingness to collaborate in the discharge of certain activities under the programme of work.

71. The IFF, in information document UNEP/CBD/WG8(j)/1/INF/5 entitled "The Outcome of the Inter-Governmental Forum on Forests Relevant to the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-Sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the CBD", welcomes the establishment of this Working Group. The need for close cooperation and coordination between the work of the CBD and the implementation of the Intergovernmental Panel on Forests (IPF)/IFF-proposals for action was also expressed.

72. The IFF representative expressed in his statement that the inputs from the Working Group to the formulation of the programme of work of the new UN forum on forest would be most desirable as a concrete step forward in consolidating the collaborative process on forests recommended by IFF.

73. In the statement by the World Bank, at the 7th plenary session, on 31 March 2000, the representative reviewed the experiences of the World Bank on indigenous issues. He said that the World Bank was one of the few international agencies with a specific operational guideline on indigenous peoples. The guidelines clearly indicated that, all projects funded by the World Bank that effect indigenous peoples should ensure informed participation in a culturally appropriate manner.

74. As an implementing agency of GEF, the World Bank responded to the funding needs through 25 projects in Latin America and elsewhere that included specific components and direct support for indigenous organizations; those projects on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity gave priority attention to the participation of indigenous peoples in their design, preparation and implementation. The World Bank is preparing a document summarizing those activities. Although much progress has been made, much remained to be done, and the World Bank remained at the disposal of its clients to continue to support the full implementation of the spirit and letter of Article 8(j) of the Convention.

75. The newly recruited Programme Officer for Article 8 (j) joined the SCBD on 10 March 2000.

DECISION IV/10: MEASURES FOR IMPLEMENTING THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

Incentive measures

76. The Secretariat prepared a pre-session document "Incentive Measures" (Document UNEP/CBD/COP/5/15), containing a further analysis of the design and implementation of incentive measures. Also an information document on case studies with regard to incentive measures was produced (UNEP/CBD/COP/5/INF/14), containing a compilation of information on incentive measures received from Parties, Governments, and relevant organizations.

Millenium assessments

77. In its recommendation V/1 on cooperation with other bodies, SBSTTA encouraged the cooperation between the Convention and the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF). A meeting of the Interim Steering Committee was held from 12 to 14 February 2000 in Arlington, Virginia, USA to elaborate on the implementation of the GBIF-Project. Among others the need to focus strongly on accelerating the Global Taxonomy Initiative was emphasized. In addition SBSTTA took note of the proposed Millennium Assessment of Global Ecosystems and decided on follow-up action based on the outcome of the consultations of the Executive Secretary with the Interim Steering Committee of the Millennium Assessment. The Executive Secretary accepted the invitation to join its Advisory Group.

Public education and awareness : Article 13

78. The Secretariat worked with UNESCO on the preparation of a draft global initiative on biological diversity education and public awareness for COP-5 (UNEP/CBD/COP/5/INF/5). Consistent with decision IV/10, the proposed global initiative is being submitted to review by the COP-5. Implementation of the initiative will involve other relevant international organizations.

79. Work continued on The Handbook on the Operations of the Convention with a view to making it available to participants at COP-5. The Handbook includes the text of the Convention, COP decisions and other material relevant to the operations of the Convention. Preparations on the draft Global Biological Diversity Outlook (GBO) are also under way.

80. Work also continued on a simplified Guide to the CBD, entitled "Sustaining life on Earth: How the Convention on Biological Diversity promotes Nature and Human Well-Being" with a view to its distribution during COP-5. Similarly, a short brochure on the Convention has been finalized. Both documents are targeting the general public.

81. A draft of the Jakarta Mandate Booklet entitled "Conservation and Sustainable use of Marine and Coastal Biological Diversity" is being finalized. This booklet has been made possible by funding of the Swedish government.

82. The Information Press Kit for COP-5 has been prepared and posted on the Convention Website.

DECISION IV/16: INSTITUTIONAL MATTERS AND THE PROGRAMME OF WORK.

ANNEX II: ITEMS FOR IN-DEPTH CONSIDERATION

Drylands, Mediterranean, arid, semi-arid, grassland, and savannah biological diversity

83. In response to a request by SBSTTA-4, the Executive Secretary prepared a note (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/5/9) which contained a draft programme of work on the biological diversity of dryland, Mediterranean, arid, semi arid, grassland and savannah ecosystem, with the assistance of a Liaison Group of experts drawn from the following international organizations. On the basis of the work of the Liaison Group, the Secretariat prepared a preliminary draft programme of work for further consultation with CCD, the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), and relevant regional organizations such as the Permanent Inter-state committee against drought in the Sahel (CILSS), and the Intergovernmental Authority on Drought and Development (IGADD), as well as the organizations that participated in the Liaison Group.

84. SBSTTA-5 discussed the draft prepared by the Executive Secretary and recommended the adoption of the draft programme of work on the biological diversity of dryland, Mediterranean, arid, semi arid, grassland and savannah ecosystems and adopted in recommendation V/8 the programme of work on “dry and sub-humid lands”.

85. On the basis of a SBSTTA-5 recommendation, the Executive Secretary is liaising with the Secretariat of the Convention to Combat Desertification in drafting a joint work programme with SCBD, to be submitted to the consideration of the COP-5.

Sustainable use, including tourism

86. SBSTTA-5 discussed the item sustainable use of the components of biological diversity which resulted in recommendation V/12, on sustainable use of the components of biological diversity: identification of sectoral activities that could adopt biodiversity-friendly practices and technologies. In this context, the Executive Secretary prepared a pre-session document on sustainable use, including tourism (document UNEP/CBD/COP/5/20) together with an information document on tourism and sustainable use of biological diversity, a survey of ongoing international activities (UNEP/CBD/COP/5/INF/13). In chapter IV of this document special reference is made to the future process of sustainable tourism development in the light of the decision of the 7th meeting of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) with regard to an international work programme on sustainable tourism development and its invitation to CBD in this respect.

BIOSAFETY UNIT

DECISION IV/3: ISSUES RELATED TO BIOSAFETY

87. Pursuant to COP Bureau’s decision during a teleconference held on 12 October 1999, the resumed session of the first extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties (ExCOP1) took place in Montreal from 24-29 January 2000. It was preceded by informal regional and interregional consultations which were also held in Montreal from 20-23 January 2000.

88. The resumed session was attended by more than 700 delegates representing 130 Parties, 4 observer States as well as a number of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations. More than 40 ministers attended the session during the final two days.

89. The participation of developing countries and countries with economies in transition at the informal consultations and the resumed session was made possible by the generous support of the following Parties: Australia, Austria, Canada, the Central African Republic, Denmark, the European Community, Finland, France, Kenya, Namibia, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

90. At 6 a. m. on 29 January 2000, the resumed session of ExCOP1 ended with the adoption of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity. The ExCOP also adopted related decision EM-I/3 on interim arrangements.

91. Decision EM-I/3 established, *inter alia*, an open-ended ad hoc Intergovernmental Committee for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (ICCP) with a mandate to undertake, with the support of the Executive Secretary, the preparations necessary for the first meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (MOP1), at which time it will cease to exist, taking into account the budgetary provisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties (decision EM- I/3, para.6).

92. The decision also stipulated that the ICCP will hold its first meeting in late 2000. France offered to host the first meeting of the ICCP and this offer was gratefully accepted by the ExCOP. Ambassador Philemon Yang (Cameroon) was designated as the Chair of the ICCP and the ICCP was invited to convene its organizational meeting at the resumed session of the ExCOP for the purpose of electing its Bureau from among the representatives of the Parties present.

93. Accordingly, the ICCP convened its organizational meeting on 29 January 2000 under the chairmanship of Ambassador Yang. Following the nominations from representatives of regional groups, the ICCP decided that, in addition to the Chair, its Bureau should comprise the representatives of the following Parties to the Convention: Denmark, India, Islamic Republic of Iran, Peru, Poland, Saint Kitts and Nevis, South Africa, Switzerland and Ukraine. The report of the first organizational meeting of the ICCP is contained in document UNEP / CBD / ICCP / Org / 1.

94. Subsequently, letters were sent on 2 February 2000 by the Executive Secretary to the National Focal Points of the elected Parties requesting them to designate their representatives to the ICCP Bureau.

95. Following nominations of all Bureau representatives by the concerned Parties, the ICCP Bureau met in Paris, France, on 13-14 March 2000 at the kind invitation of the Government of France, to consider, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 10 of decision EM-I/3, a draft work plan for the ICCP developed by the Executive Secretary. The resulting proposed work plan for the ICCP is set out in document UNEP / CBD / COP / 5 / 6 / Add. 1 and will be forwarded to the fifth meeting of the COP for consideration and approval.

IMPLEMENTATION AND COMMUNICATION DIVISION

DECISION IV/2: REVIEW OF THE OPERATIONS OF THE CLEARING-HOUSE MECHANISM

96. The Independent Review of the pilot phase of the clearing-house mechanism, the draft strategic plan and the longer-term programme of work were considered by the fifth meeting of SBSTTA. Recommendation V/2 of SBSTTA ('Pilot phase of the clearing-house mechanism') will be considered at the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

97. A further 6 CHM National Focal Points have been officially designated, bringing the total to 144. Of these, 117 have e-mail addresses and 48 have established web sites. A total of 69 National Focal Points have received financial support from the GEF as a CHM add-on module under biodiversity enabling activities. The average disbursement is US\$11,661.

98. The Informal Advisory Committee (IAC) of the clearing-house mechanism held meetings before and during the fifth meeting of SBSTTA.

99. A meeting with all the CHM National Focal Points present at SBSTTA was held on 31 January 2000. The results of the independent review, together with the proposed work programme and strategic plan, were discussed and National Focal Points provided updates on progress in the implementation of national clearing-house mechanisms.

100. The CHM Unit has developed new web pages on biosafety, biodiversity key words, capacity building, notifications, financial resources, forest biodiversity, protected areas, public awareness, research and scientific cooperation, and tourism. In addition, web pages for the expert panels on access and benefit sharing and on coral bleaching, and the liaison groups on agro-biodiversity, indicators and drylands have also been developed. Pages relating to the ecosystem approach are currently under development.

101. CHM web pages are being revised on the basis of feedback from National Focal Points and other users. Improvements are being made in consistency of layout, ease of access to relevant information, loading time, multi-lingual support (English, Spanish and French), improved search capabilities and dynamic contents (on-line databases).

102. Electronic databases of the roster of experts and of National Focal Points have been developed and are available on line. The roster of experts database contains information on designated experts in the fields of access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing, agro-biodiversity, forests, biodiversity indicators, inland waters, and marine and coastal biodiversity.

103. All official CBD documents are being compiled into a user-friendly CD-ROM format. More than 400 documents, covering the meetings of the COP, SBSTTA, ICCBD, BSWG, ISOC and TKBD up to February 2000 will be available in all languages. The CD-ROM will be launched in Nairobi at the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and will be distributed to all National Focal Points and interested organisations.

104. The eighth issue of *The Disseminator*, the CHM newsletter, contains updates on national and regional implementation of the clearing-house mechanism and other relevant news. It will be distributed by electronic and non-electronic means at the meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

105. A draft version of the CHM User's Guide was distributed at the meeting of SBSTTA and the final version will be launched at the meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

106. The Internet infrastructure of the Secretariat is being enhanced at various levels. Steps have been taken to improve Internet security levels and a more powerful web server to meet the needs of the clearing-house mechanism and the internal needs of the Secretariat is being installed.

107. A Junior Professional Officer provided by the Government of Norway has joined the Secretariat and will assist with the promotion of scientific and technical cooperation as envisaged under Article 18.3 of the Convention. Work has begun on the development of a global electronic platform on scientific and technical cooperation.

DECISION IV/14: NATIONAL REPORTS BY PARTIES

108. The proposed guidelines for national reporting prepared by the Executive Secretary were considered at the fifth meeting of SBSTTA (document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/5/14). In accordance with the recommendation of SBSTTA, a revised matrix for overall reports by Parties to be submitted every four years has been prepared for consideration by the Conference of the Parties (document UNEP/CBD/COP/5/13/Add/2).

109. Also in accordance with the recommendation of SBSTTA, proposed formats for thematic reports by Parties on matters due for in-depth consideration at the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties have been prepared.

110. The Secretariat is cooperating in an assessment of the implementation of the Convention in six countries of Central and Eastern Europe and the Newly Independent States. The assessment is being carried out by the UNEP Regional Office for Europe, as part of its 'Service for Implementing National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans', jointly with the World Conservation Monitoring Centre and the Governments of the six countries concerned. These are Albania, Czech Republic, Kyrgyzstan, Lithuania, Moldova, and Romania. It is expected that the assessment of three countries' implementation will be undertaken before the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and that preliminary information can be made available at the meeting.

111. As previously noted, this assessment will make use of the methodology proposed as the model for national reporting.

112. Two more national reports have been received, from the Czech Republic and Guyana. Work is continuing on the development of a searchable web-based database of national reports and national biodiversity strategies.

113. The Project Oversight Committee of the UNDP-UNEP Biodiversity Planning Support Programme met at the Secretariat's offices on 2 February 2000. Cooperation has continued with the UNDP and UNEP coordinators of the project.

114. Work on the preparation of the draft of the first edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook is continuing.

DECISION IV/11: REVIEW OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE FINANCIAL MECHANISM

AND

DECISION IV/13: ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE TO THE FINANCIAL MECHANISM

115. In addition to the report of the GEF to the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the Secretariat has made available to Parties a number of documents submitted by the GEF, including the documents "GEF activities related to access and benefit-sharing" (UNEP/CBD/COP/5/INF/17), and "An Interim Assessment of Biodiversity Enabling Activities: National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans: A Study for the Global Environment Facility" (UNEP/CBD/COP/5/INF/20).

116. The work on incremental costs advances steadily. The GEF has considered the need for agreements on incremental costs in its project criteria review/ project cycle, and will promote its use in the country dialogue workshops and outreach and communication. The current main issues are the conceptual challenge of defining a sustainable baseline, simplification of applying the incremental cost concept in medium size projects, and consideration of incremental costs in programmatic approaches.

117. The Secretariat participated in two GEF Operations Committee teleconferences held on 31 January 2000 and 4 April 2000. The first meeting discussed the GEF intersessional work programme for approval by the Council members, and the second meeting discussed the GEF work programme to be submitted to the GEF Council meeting. Together, the two work programmes contain 13 biodiversity projects. During this period, GEF has also approved some 20 PDF Block B proposals, 4 enabling activity projects and 12 medium-sized projects.

118. During the period January to March 2000, forty-six biodiversity proposals were received by the SCBD from the GEF Implementing Agencies and comments were provided to Operations Coordination at the GEF Secretariat. The Secretariat has also revised its checklist on GEF project proposals based on the experience gained so far and with a view to further promoting the consistency of the project proposals with the guidance of the Conference of the Parties.

119. In light of the recommendations adopted by the fifth meeting of SBSTTA and the first meeting of the Ad-hoc Open-ended Inter-sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and related provisions as well the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, the Secretariat provided detailed comments on the GEF draft document "Relations with Conventions" for the next Council meeting, which will help update the Council members of the new developments under the Convention.

120. Upon close consultation with the Secretariat, GEF has issued the document entitled “Biodiversity Enabling Activities: Guidelines for Additional Funding (Expedited Procedures)”. The new funding modality will enable developing country Parties to assess the need for, and prioritize, capacity building activities in response to various COP decisions on capacity building. The information is also available on the Convention’s website on financial mechanism.

121. The Secretariat welcomed the development of the GEF operational programme on agricultural biodiversity, and played an active role in its formulation and finalization. In this regard, the Secretariat attended the brainstorming meeting on agricultural biodiversity held by the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP), and the fifth meeting of STAP-II.

DECISION IV/12 ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES

122. The Secretariat attended the Inter-Sessional Ad hoc Working Group on Finance, Trade, Investment and Economic Growth convened in New York from 22-25 February 2000. The meeting considered the report of the Secretary-General, i.e., “Financial Resources and Mechanisms” (E/CN.17/2000/2); Chairman’s Summary of the Fifth Expert Group Meeting on Finance for Sustainable Development, Note verbale dated 14 February 2000 from the Permanent Mission of Kenya to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/CN.17/2000/9), and the background paper “Financial Flow Statistics, Prepared by the Division for Sustainable Development”. The discussions were focused on official development assistance, private capital flows, domestic finance, innovative financial mechanism, and private-public partnership.

123. The web pages focusing specifically on financial resources (Article 20) are now available on the website of the Convention. In addition to relevant COP decisions, CBD documents and national reports, the web pages also provide information on biodiversity-related funding institutions, new developments and discussion papers. The Secretariat will update the web pages regularly, and add more specific information on institutions that provide funding to biodiversity. Case studies and related technical papers will be posted in the section on discussion paper where Parties and experts are expected to make significant contribution.

124. The Secretariat has paid particular attention to the discussions on financial resources and mechanism by the Intergovernmental Conference “Biodiversity in Europe” held on 20-23 March 2000 in Riga, Latvia. During this meeting, the Swiss Agency for Environment, Forests and Landscape (SAFEL) and the European Centre for Nature Conservation (ECNC) presented the document “Financial Resources and Mechanisms for Biodiversity in Europe.” The Secretariat has also responded to five enquires from local institutions regarding funding under the Convention in this past quarter.

125. In accordance with the programme of work adopted by the General Assembly for the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development at its Special Session in June 1997, finance for sustainable development, the subject of Chapter 33 of Agenda 21, will be considered by the Commission on Sustainable Development at its 8th Session to be held in New York from 24 April - 5 May 2000. The Secretariat continues to monitor the discussions on financial resources at the Commission on Sustainable Development.

126. The Secretariat is also monitoring the recent development of consideration of finance by the General Assembly. The Preparatory Committee for the High Level International Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development on 25 Feb 2000 completed the election of its 15 member Bureau and two co-chairs. It agreed on 31 March 2000 to move forward with intergovernmental consultations with the World Bank, the IMF, and the WTO, schedule a series of meetings to advance the substantive

work of the PrepComm, and set in motion arrangements for the involvement of NGOs and the private sector. The Bureau of the PrepCom met with the Executive Board of the World Bank on 15 March 2000.

DECISION IV/15: THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY WITH THE COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND BIODIVERSITY-RELATED CONVENTIONS, OTHER INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS, INSTITUTIONS AND PROCESSES OF RELEVANCE

127. Implementation of this decision and co-operation in general forms a central element of the entire programme of work for the Convention and the Secretariat. Consequently, this section only highlights important activities not covered in other sections. During the period under review, the preparations for SBSTTA5, the meeting of the working group on article 8(j) and the Extraordinary COP on the Biosafety Protocol involved coordination with a large number of organisations.

128. The Executive Secretary participated in the Pan-European meeting to prepare for COP-5, held in Riga from 20-23 March. On that occasion, an MOU was signed between the Council of Europe and UNEP, as joint Secretary of the Pan-European Biological and Landscape Diversity Strategy, on the one hand, and the CBD Secretariat, on the other hand.

129. The Secretariat participated in a meeting of AMCEN as well as a ministerial meeting of the ministers of the environment of the GRULAC countries to prepare for COP-5. The Secretariat was also represented in a number of regional meetings under the aegis of UNEP to prepare for COP-5.

130. The Secretariat has also continued its participation with the Inter-Agency Committee for Sustainable Development in order to assist with preparations for meetings of the CSD and other related matters covered by this Committee.

131. The Secretariat continued its cooperation with UNESCO on the development of a global initiative on public education and awareness, which will be submitted to COP-5, and on other matters such as the preparation of documentation on the ecosystem approach for SBSTTA-5.

132. The Secretariat maintains a Global Biodiversity Calendar of Events containing details of relevant meetings organised by other processes. The Calendar aims at promoting co-ordination and co-operation between the Convention and other processes and facilitating the contribution of other processes to the work of the Convention.

DECISION IV/16: INSTITUTIONAL MATTERS AND THE PROGRAMME OF WORK

133. Many elements of Decision IV/16 with respect to the operations of the Convention and its future programme of work, notably the revised modus operandi of the SBSTTA, have been applied to the preparations for SBSTTA-5 and COP-5.

134. The subsidiary body on technical and technological advice (SBSTTA) held its fifth and last meeting before COP-5. The meeting was widely regarded as a success for the quality of the draft recommendations to be submitted to COP-5. A number of recommendations of the intersessional meeting on the operations of the Convention (ISOC), held on 28-30 June 1999, were implemented at SBSTTA-5. Other ISOC recommendations such as the periodicity of COP and SBSTTA meetings, a strategic plan for the Convention, further improvements in the operations of SBSTTA, the introduction of a notification system, and measures on implementation will be taken up at COP-5.

135. The draft Handbook on the Convention on Biological Diversity was finalized and has been sent to the printer with a view to its distribution to Parties at COP-5. The Handbook includes the text of the Convention, COP decisions and other material relevant to the operations of the Convention. The document will be updated immediately after COP-5 to include decisions made at that meeting.

136. The Extraordinary Meeting of the Conference of the Parties, held in Montreal, in January, was successful in adopting the Biosafety Protocol to the Convention on Biological Diversity. The Protocol will be open for signature during COP-5, in Nairobi, 15-26 May 2000.

137. The open-ended inter-sessional working group on article 8 (j) and related provisions held its first meeting in Seville, Spain, from March 27-31. The meeting *inter alia* adopted a draft programme of work which will be submitted to COP-5.

ANNEX I

STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREED ADMINISTRATION ARRANGEMENTS

I Personnel Arrangements

1. The COP approved 27 Professional posts and 20 General Services posts for the biennium 1999-2000. All these posts have been classified and advertised. The recruitment process is underway as reflected in the staff list (Appendix 1).

II Contributions and Funds

2. In addition to the pledges and contributions of additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**) reported on in the last Quarterly Report, the United Kingdom has contributed funds for the EU COP-5 preparatory meeting and the meeting of the Global Biodiversity Outlook as well as for publication of the CBD Handbook and Brochure. The Government of Namibia has also contributed funds for additional activities approved under the Convention. The Government of Spain contributed funds in 2000 to support the Ad Hoc Working Group on article 8(j) which took place in Seville, Spain from 27 to 31 March 2000.
3. The total amount pledged for 1999 to the BE Trust Fund was US\$1,321,743. As at 31 March 2000, total unpaid pledges to the BE Trust Fund for 1999 and prior years was US\$59,729. For 2000 a total of US\$32,423 has so far been pledged and collected. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BE Trust Fund are reflected in Annex III.
4. With regard to the General Trust Fund for the Convention (**BY Trust Fund**), as at 31 March 2000, total unpaid pledges to the BY Trust Fund for 1999 and prior years amounted to US\$1,169,070. The total amount pledged for the BY Trust Fund in 2000 is US\$7,110,010. Of this amount, US\$3,502,181 or 49.2% has already been received. Total unpaid pledges to the BY Trust Fund for 2000 amounts to US\$3,607,829. Total unpaid pledges for 2000 and prior years is therefore US\$4,776,000. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BY Trust Fund are reflected in Annex V.
5. As at 31 March 2000, a total of US\$429,920 has been pledged for 2000 as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the Participation of Parties in the Convention process (**BZ Trust Fund**). This sum includes pledges from Canada, Central African Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Switzerland and the United Kingdom .
6. Contributions totalling US\$1,176,111 were pledged in 1999 for the BZ Trust Fund. Total unpaid pledges for 1999 and prior years to the BZ Trust Fund is currently US\$258,795. As at 31 March 2000, contributions to the BZ Trust Fund in 2000 amounted to US\$333,861 or 76.6% A total of US\$96,059 remains outstanding for the BZ Trust Fund for 2000. Total unpaid pledges for 2000 and prior years is therefore US\$354,854. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BZ Trust Fund are reflected in Annex IV.
7. The Statement of Contributions to the CBD Trust Fund, as provided by the Trustee as at 31 March 2000 is attached as Annex V to this report.

III **Budget**

8. In keeping with the Administrative Arrangements, the Executive Secretary has prepared draft allotments and staffing tables for activities under the Convention's budget for final approval by the Executive Director of UNEP. Expenditure for 1999 (including programme support costs) amounted to US\$5,337,963 for the BY Trust Fund, US\$1,160,756 for the BZ Trust Fund and US\$776,918 for the BE Trust Fund. Additionally, US\$8,363,502 has been committed from the total of US\$8,998,600 approved by COP-4 for the year 2000. These commitments include staff salaries, consultants, conference servicing, travel, sub-contracts, equipment, reporting costs and communications.

IV **Accounting and Reporting**

9. Reimbursement for Services provided to the Secretariat

At present three UNEP staff members, the Chief, Fund Management and Administration, the Administrative Officer and the Finance Assistant are funded from the programme support funds (PSC). Additionally, UNEP has provided funding for five (5) more general service administrative staff to be paid from PSC.

10. Conference and Other Services

UNEP/UNON in full co-operation with the Executive Secretary of the CBD has facilitated the co-ordination and provision of conference services to the Informal Consultations on a Biosafety Protocol, Montreal Canada, 20-22 January 2000, the Resumed Session of the First Extraordinary Meeting of the Conference of the Parties, Montreal Canada, 24-28 January 2000, the Fifth Meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific Technical and Technological Advice, Montreal, Canada, 31 January to 4 February 2000 and the Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Article 8(j), Seville, Spain, 27 – 31 March 2000.

Appendix 1

**STAFFING TABLE of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity
as at 31 March 2000**

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Post #	Level	Title	Remarks
1101	D2	Executive Secretary	Mr. H. Zedan (Regularized)
1102	D1	Principal Officer (EDM/SS)	Mr. O. Jalbert (Regularized)
1103	D1	Principal Officer (STTM)	Mr. K. Mulongoy (Regularized)
1104	P5	Senior Prog. Officer (Biosafety)	Ms. C. Sendashonga (Regularized)
1105	D1	Principal Officer (I&C)	Post re-advertised
1106	P4	Chief, Fund & Admin. (SS)	Ms. M. Rattray - (Post funded by UNEP)
1107	P4	Financial Resources Instr., PO (I&C)	Mr. S. Johnston (Regularized)
1108	P4	Legal Officer (EDM)	Mr. D.Ogolla (Regularized)
1109	P4	Economist (STTM)	candidate being recruited
1110	P4	Terr. Ecosystems, PO (STTM)	Mr. J-P. Le Danff (Regularized)
1111	P4	Agric. BD, PO (STTM)	Mr. D. Cooper (Post funded by FAO)
1112	P4	Marine & Coastal BD, PO (STTM)	Mr. S. Arico (Post funded by UNESCO till March 2000)
1113	P4	CHM, PO (I&C)	Mr. M. Auer (Regularized)
1114	P3	Special Assistant Exec. Sec. (EDM)	Ms. M. Soliman (Regularized)
1115	P4	Indigenous Knowl. PO (STTM)	Ms. H. Marrie (Regularized)
1116	P4	Reports & Reviews, PO (I&C)	Mr. A. Gross (Regularized)
1117	P3	Documentation Officer (SS)	Mr. Z. Bamba (Regularized)
1118	P3	Mtgs. Service Officer (SS)	Post re-advertised
1119	P3	Information Officer (I&C)	Ms. B. Torres (Regularized)
1120	P3	Internet & Elect. Comm. (I&C)	Mr. O. De Munck (Regularized)
1121	P3	Jakarta Mandate, PO (STTM)	Ms. I. Pranoto (Regularized)
1122	P3	Financial Resources, PO (I&C)	Mr. Y. Xiang (Regularized)
1123	P3	Repts/Reviews Env. Aff. Off (I&C)	Vacant (Post funded by the Government of QUEBEC)
1124	P3	Administrative Officer (SS)	Ms. N. Patel (Post funded by UNEP)
1125	P4	Regulatory Scientist - (Biosafety)	Vacant (Post funded by the Government of QUEBEC)
1126	P2	Asso. Envir.Affairs Off. (Biosafety)	Ms. A. Gupte (Regularized)
1127	P2	Asso. Legal Affairs Off. (Biosafety)	Mr. T. Yongo (Regularized)
1128	P2	Asso. Computer Syst. Officer (I&C)	Mr. Q. Nguyen (Regularized)
1129	L5	Senior Prog. Officer (STTM)	Mr. A. Heydendael (Post funded by The Netherlands)
1130	L2	JPO STTM	Ms. B. DiGiovanni (Post funded by Italy till January 2000)

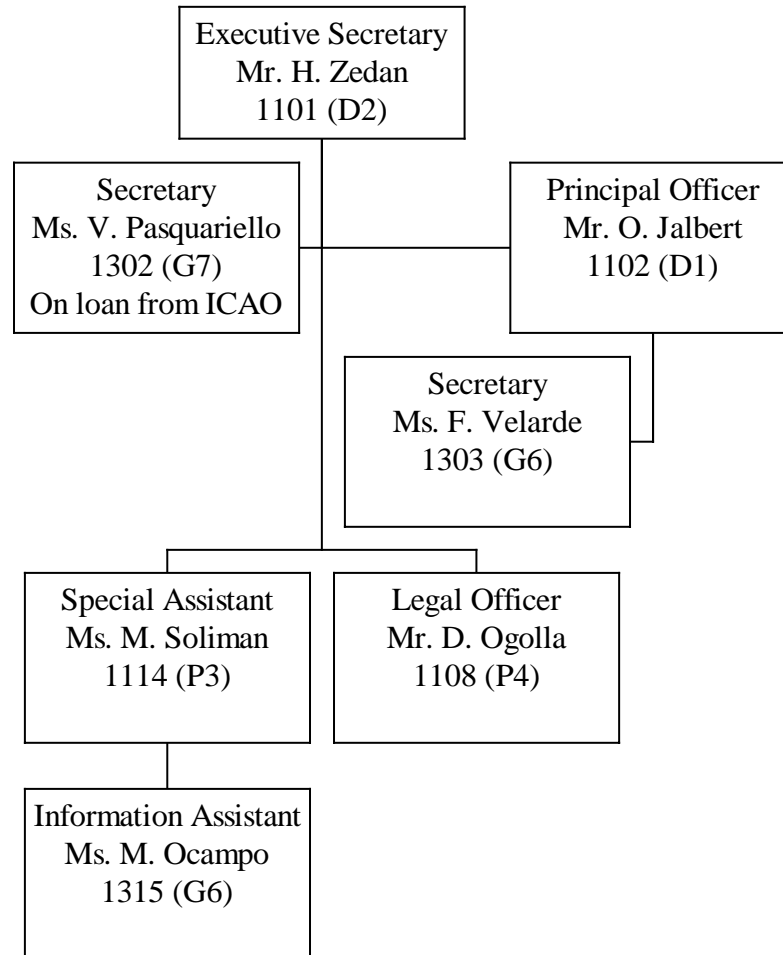
Post #	Level	Title	Remarks
1131	P4	Inland Waters, PO (STTM)	Recommendation submitted to the APB
1132	P4	Scientific, Tech. Assessment (STTM)	Mr. A. Alm (Regularized)
1133	P3	Access & Benefit Sharing (STTM)	Candidate being recruited
1134	P3	Scientific, Tech Info (Biosafety)	Ms. K. Galloway-McLean (Regularized)
1135	P4	Editor (SS)	Mr. J. Fry (Regularized)
1136	P2	Associate Finance Officer (SS)	Ms. T.C. Fon Sing (Post funded by UNEP)
1137	P4	Taxonomy, PO (STTM)	Mr. I. Cresswell (Post funded by Australia & Sweden)
1138	L2	JPO, CHM	Ms. T. Alstadheim (Post funded by Norway)

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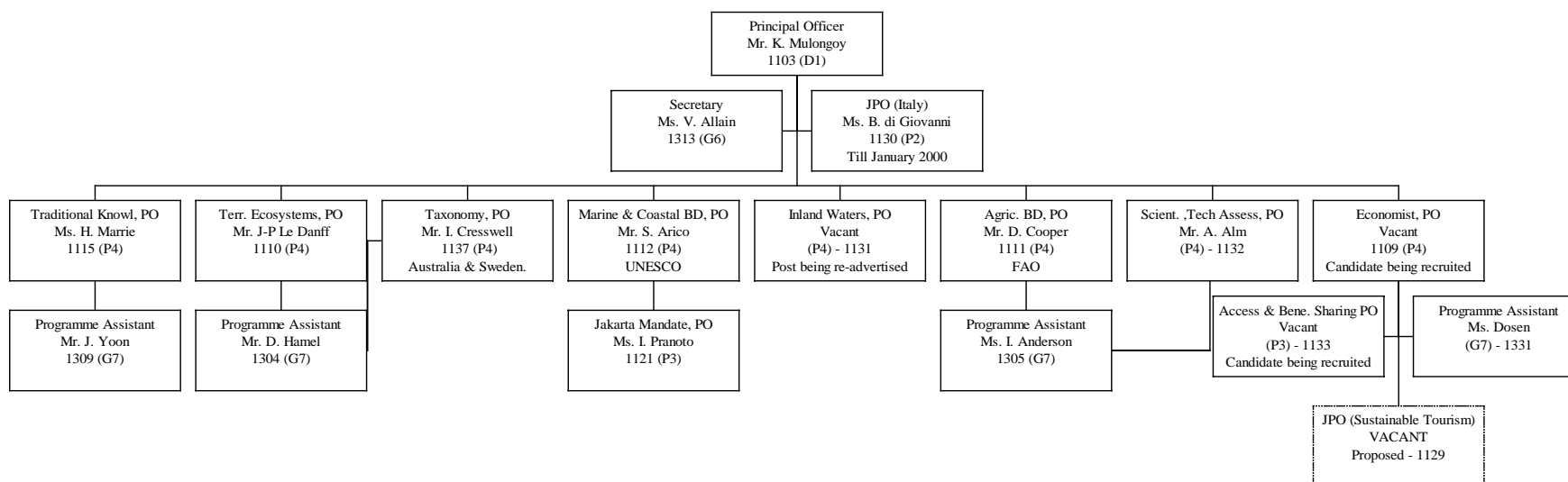
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1301	G8	Finance Assistant (SS)	Mr. L.Cafe (Post funded by UNEP)
1302	G7	Secretary to Exec. Secr. (EDM)	Ms. V. Pasquariello (short-term -on loan from ICAO)
1303	G6	Secretary to Principal Off. (EDM)	Ms. F. Velarde (Regularized)
1304	G7	Prog. Assistant - (STTM)	Mr. D. Hamel (Regularized)
1305	G7	Prog. Assistant - (STTM)	Ms. I. Anderson (Regularized)
1306	G7	Prog. Assistant - (I&C)	Ms. S. Penney (Regularized)
1307	G7	Prog. Assistant - (Biosafety)	Ms. D. Stepic (Regularized)
1308	G7	Prog. Assistant - (I&C)	Ms. M. Chiasson (Regularized)
1309	G7	Prog. Assistant - (STTM)	Mr. J. Ho Yoon (Regularized)
1310	G6	Admin Assistant - (SS)	Mr. A. Yesli (short-term)
1311	G7	Travel Assistant - (SS)	Ms. R. Rabbath (Regularized)
1312	G7	Personnel Assistant - (SS)	Vacant
1313	G6	Secretary - (STTM)	Ms. V. Allain (Regularized)
1314	G6	Secretary - (I&C)	Ms. J. Huppé (Regularized)
1315	G6	Information Assistant (EDM)	Ms. M. Ocampo (Regularized)
1316	G7	Computer Op. Assistant (I&C)	Mr. F. Dejon (Regularized)
1317	G4	Receptionist (SS)	Ms. L. Boutin (Regularized)
1318	G4	Messenger (SS)	Ms. M. Harrison (Regularized)
1319	G6	Secretary (Biosafety)	Ms. L. Rubello (Regularized)
1329	G7	Prog. Assistant - (CHM)	Mr. H. Perea (Regularized)
1331	G7	Prog. Assistant - (STTM, Economics)	Ms. G. Dosen (Regularized)
1332	G5	Contributions Assistant - (SS)	Mr. D. de Guzman (short-term).Post funded by UNEP
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Annex II

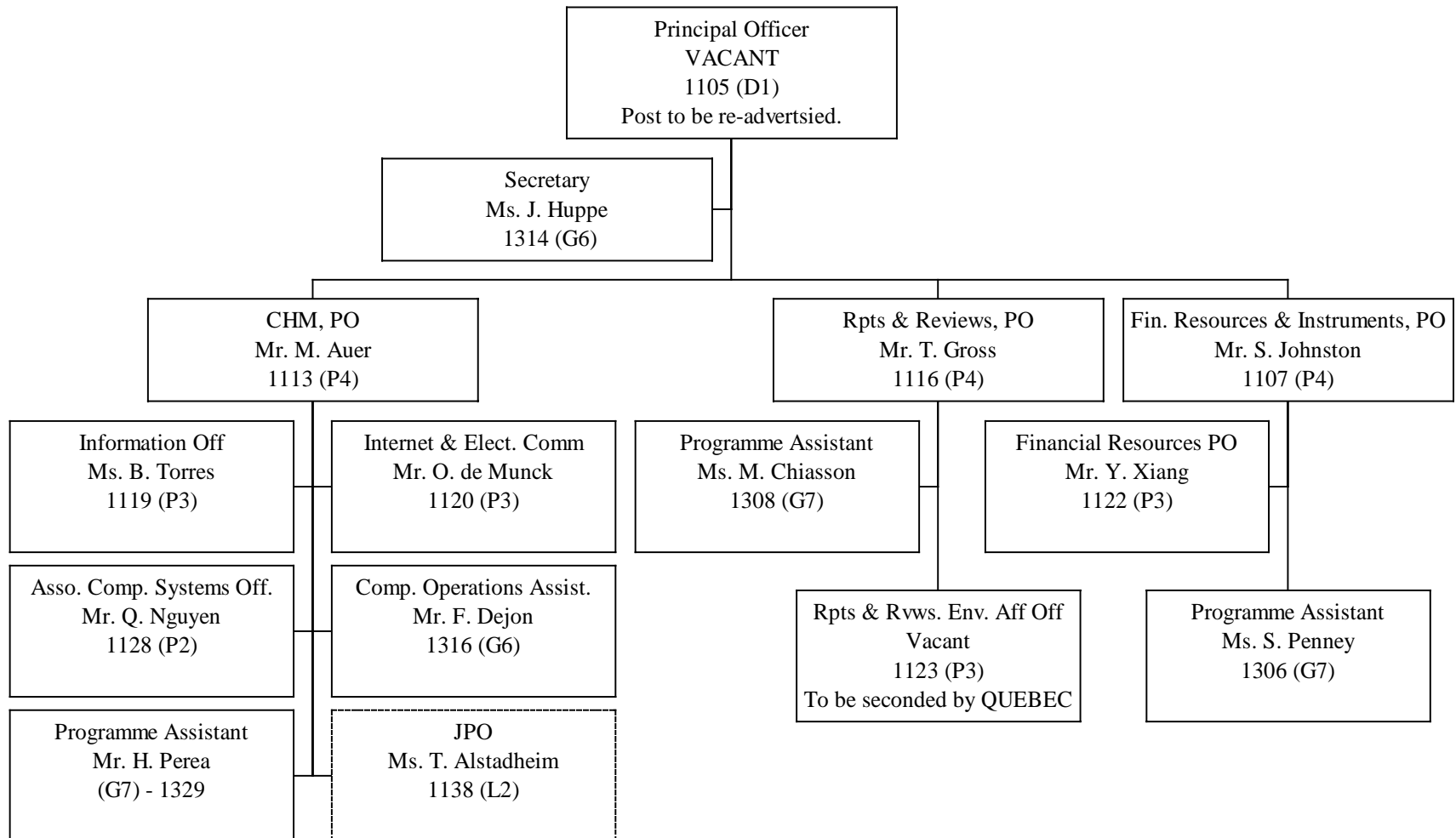
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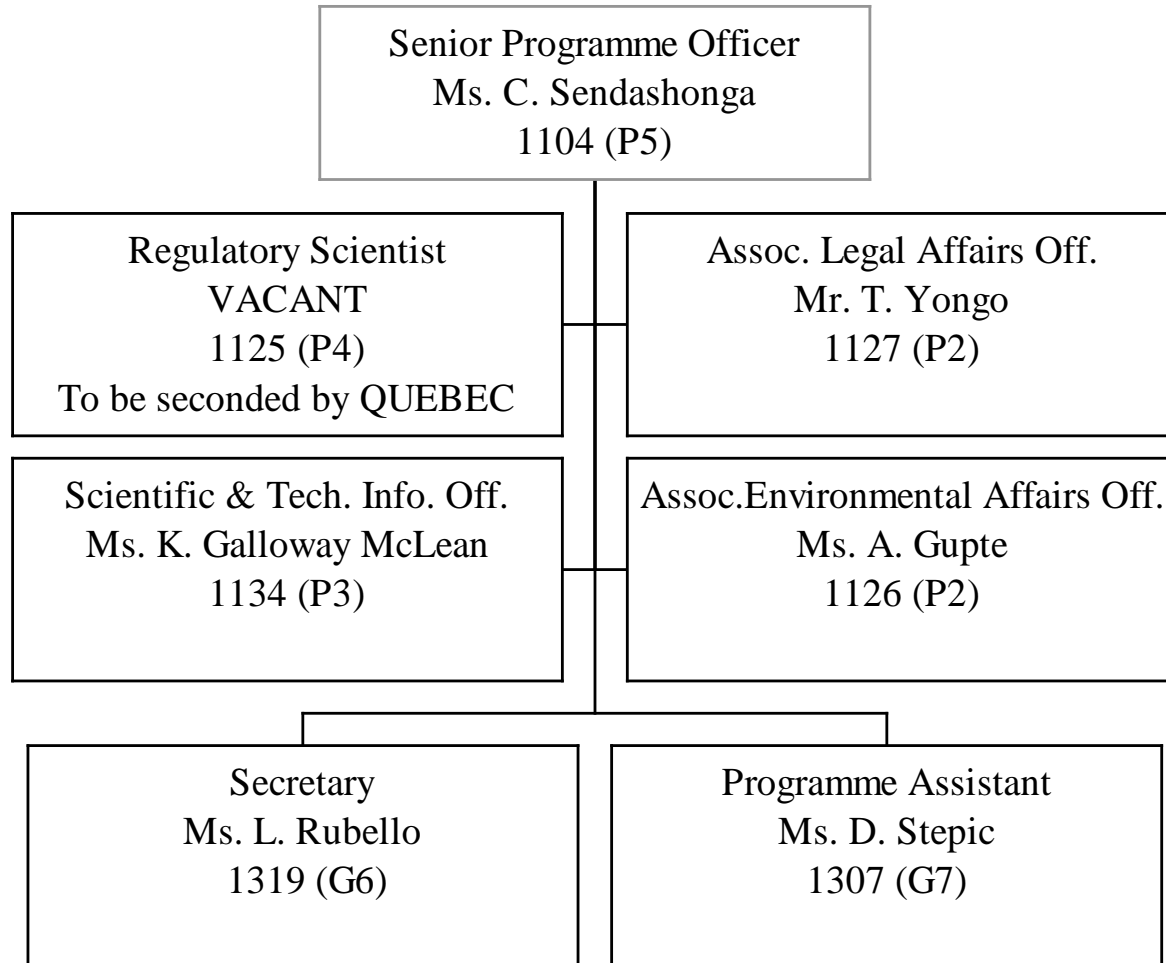
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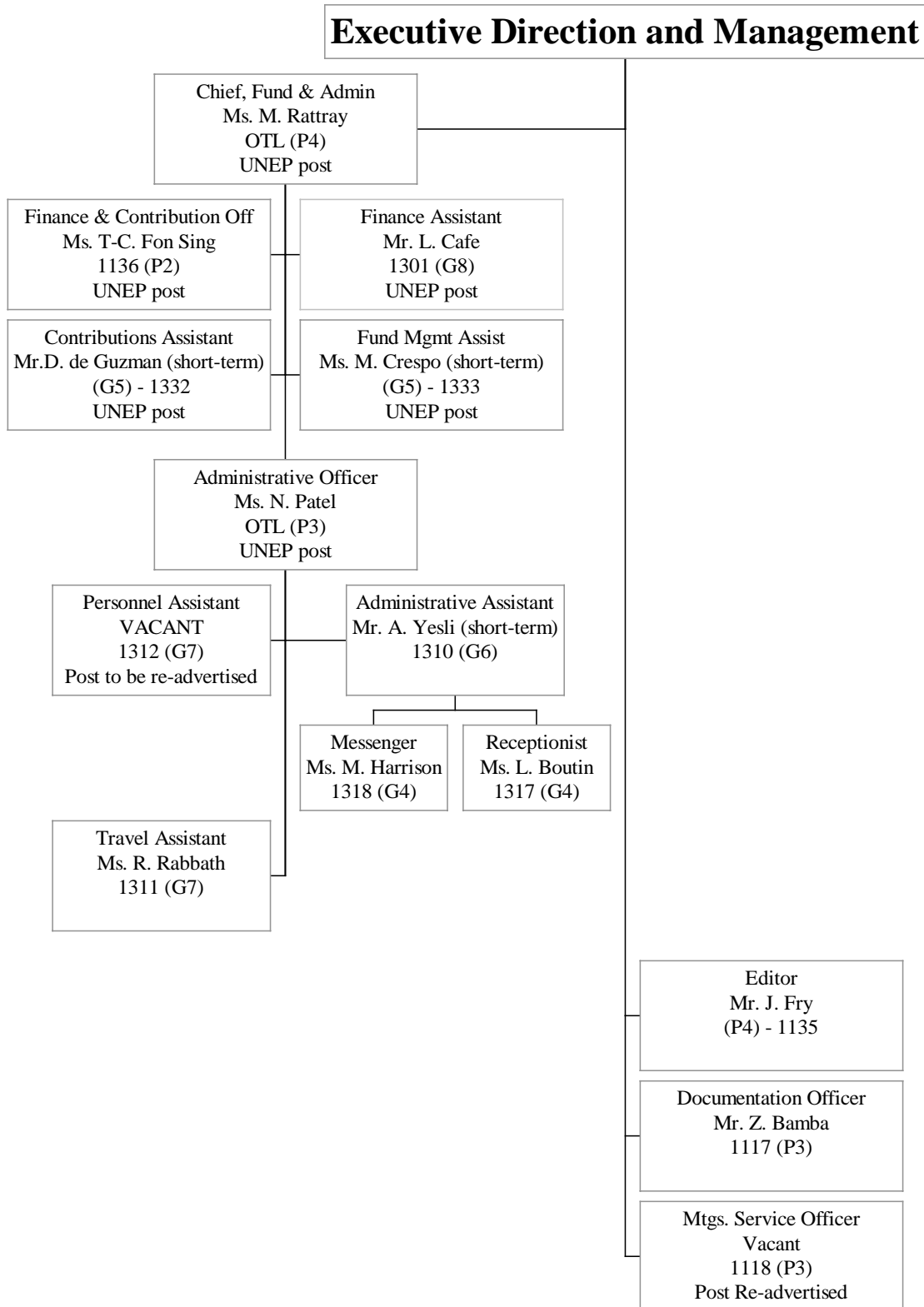
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Support Services



ANNEX III

**GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS IN SUPPORT OF APPROVED ACTIVITIES UNDER
THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (BE)
Status of Contribution as at 31 March 2000 (in United States dollars)**

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.99	Adjustments	Pledges for 2000		Collections in 2000 for prior years	Collections in 2000 for 2000 & futures yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2000 & prior years
France	497	0	0	2/	0	0	497
Namibia	0	0	663		0	663	0
Spain	211,692	0	0	3/	211,692	0	0
Sweden	59,232	0	0	1/	0	0	59,232
UK	0	0	7,940	4/	0	7,940	0
UK	0	0	7,940	5/	0	7,940	0
UK	0	0	7,940	6/	0	7,940	0
UK	0	0	7,940	7/	0	7,940	0
Total	271,421	0	32,423		211,692	32,423	59,729

- 1/ Sweden 50% covered by SIDA for Taxonomy position (SEK1.45million for 3 years from March 1999-2002)
- 2/ France pledge FF65,000 in support of the Experts Consultation Meeting on Coral Bleaching - Philippines 11-13 October 1999
- 3/ Spain pledge for convening of the Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Article 8(j)-27-31 March 2000- Seville
- 4/ UK pledged UK Pounds 5,000 for PEBLDS/EU COP 5 preparatory meetings
- 5/ UK pledged UK Pounds 5,000 for the publication of the Convention Handbook
- 6/ UK pledged UK Pounds 5,000 for the Global Biodiversity Outlook meeting
- 7/ UK pledged UK Pounds 5,000 for a public information leaflet of the CBD

ANNEX IVGENERAL TRUST FUND FOR ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO FACILITATE THE PARTICIPATION OF PARTIES IN THE
PROCESS OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (BZ)

Status of Contribution as at 31 March 2000 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.99	Adjustments		Pledges for 2000	Collections in 1999 for 2000	Collections in 2000 for prior years	Collections in 2000 for 2000 & fut yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2000 & prior years
Canada	0	0	24/	34,200	0	0	34,200	0
Central African Rep.	2,000	0	7/	0	0	0	0	2,000
Central African Rep.	0	0	21/	1,500	0	0	0	1,500
Denmark	9,356	0	2/	0	0	0	0	9,356
Denmark	75,000	0	6/	0	0	71,374	0	3,626
Denmark	30,589	0	18/	0	0	30,589	0	0
EEC	100,229	0	1/	0	0	0	0	100,229
EEC	42,638	0	9/	0	0	0	0	42,638
Finland	20,000	0	3/	0	0	0	0	20,000
Finland	0	0	20/	44,000	0		0	44,000
France	15,947	0	10/	0				15,947
France	0	0	15/	7,661	0	0		7,661
France	0	0	16/	7,661	0	0	0	7,661
France	0	0	17/	22,982	0	0	0	22,982
Germany	0	0	22/	12,255	0	0	0	12,255
Namibia	1,000	0	8/	0	0	1,000	0	0
Rep. Korea	50,000	0	4/	0	0	0	0	50,000
Switzerland	0	0	11/	31,250	0	0	31,250	0
Switzerland	0	0	12/	31,250	0	0	31,250	0
Switzerland	15,000	0	5/	0	0	0	0	15,000
UK	0	0	13/	80,000	0	0	80,000	0
UK	0	0	14/	47,040	0	0	47,040	0
UK	0	0	23/	63,000	0	0	63,000	0
UK	0	0	19/	47,121	0	0	47,121	0
Total	361,758	0		429,920	0	102,963	333,861	354,854

** Please note that the figures in bracket () means credit

- 1/ EEC contribution towards cost of least developed countries (60% of ECU75,000)
- 2/ Denmark contribution towards travel costs for participants from developing countries i.e. Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania to travel to the regional meeting before COP4 in 1998
- 3/ Finland : Assist the participation of developing countries in the negotiations on Biosafety Protocol

- 4/ Korea: contributions towards travel costs of participants to the clearing house workshop in Asia
- 5/ Switzerland: SBSTTA
- 6/ Denmark pledge for travel expenses for Central and Eastern European countries for preparatory meetings of SCBD-1999
- 7/ Central African Rep. For Biosafety Protocol Meeting - Sept. 1999
- 8/ Namibia pledge US\$1000
- 9/ EEC pledge 100,000 Euros for travel expenses for developing country parties -Biosafety Protocol Meeting Vienna 15-19 Sept.
- 10/ France pledge FF100,000 for the support of participants to the Liaison Group Meeting on Ecosystem 15-17 Sept.'99 Paris
- 11/ Switzerland pledge of Sfr50,000 for the meetings of the resumed session – Extraordinary Conference of the Parties. Montreal, Canada, 20-28 Jan 2000
- 12/ Switzerland pledged Sfr50,000 for the Fifth Meeting of the SBSTTA, 31 January – 4 February 2000, Montreal Canada
- 13/ UK pledge of UK Pounds 50,000 for the meetings of the resumed session – Extraordinary Conference of the Parties. Montreal, Canada, 20-28 Jan 2000
- 14/ UK pledged UK pounds 30,000 for the Fifth meeting of the SBSTTA, 31 January – 4 February 2000, Montreal Canada
- 15/ France pledge of FF 50,000 for Informal Consultations on Biosafety, Vienna, Austria, 15-19 September 1999
- 16/ France pledge of FF 50,000 for the meetings of the resumed session – Extraordinary Conference of the Parties. Montreal, Canada, 20-28 Jan 2000
- 17/ France pledge of FF 150,000 for the Fifth meeting of the COP, Nairobi, 15-26 May 2000
- 18/ Denmark-DKK225,000 for travel expenses for Central & Eastern European Countries - Biosafety Meeting -Vienna Sept.99
- 19/ UK pledged UK pounds 30,000 for support of developing country participants in the Ad Hoc Working Group on Art. 8(j), 27-31 March 2000, Seville, Spain
- 20/ Finland pledge FIM280,000 for Meetings 27-31 March, Seville Spain, COP-5 Nairobi 15-26 May and Intergovernmental Committee for Cartagena Protocol
- 21/ Central African Republic pledge for meeting in Seville, 27-31 March 2000
- 22/ Germany pledged DM25,000 for meetings of the Convention on Biological Diversity
- 23/ UK pledged UK pounds 30,000 for the Fifth meeting of COP, 15-26 May 2000, Nairobi, Kenya
- 24/ Canada pledge CAD 50,000 for Seville Meeting on Article 8(j), 27 – 31 March 2000

ANNEX V**GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (BY)**

As at 31 March 2000

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/99	Pledges for 2000	Collections During 1999 for 2000 & future yrs	Collections in 2000 for prior yrs	Collections During 2000 for 2000 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2000	Unpaid Pledges for 2000 & Prior years
	US \$	US \$	US \$		US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Albania	0	240	613			0	(373)	(373)
Algeria	0	6,877				0	6,877	6,877
Angola	753	800		0		753	800	1,553
Antigua & Barbuda	0	160			160	0	0	0
Argentina	107,708	88,201		107,658		50	88,201	88,251
Armenia	18,775	480				18,775	480	19,255
Australia	0	118,588	118,588			0	0	0
Austria	0	75,327				0	75,327	75,327
Bahamas	(705)	1,199	494			(705)	705	0
Bahrain	2,429	1,359		3,788		(1,359)	1,359	0
Bangladesh	2,925	800				2,925	800	3,725
Barbados	705	640				705	640	1,345
Belarus	72,876	4,558				72,876	4,558	77,434
Belgium	83,020	88,281		83,020		0	88,281	88,281
Belize	1,615	80		1,615	80	0	0	0
Benin	(208)	160				(208)	160	(48)
Bhutan	0	80	80			0	0	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/99	Pledges for 2000	Collections During 1999 for 2000 & future yrs	Collections in 2000 for prior yrs	Collections During 2000 for 2000 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2000	Unpaid Pledges for 2000 & Prior years
Bolivia	2,866	560				2,866	560	3,426
Botswana	0	800	800			0	0	0
Brazil	108,611	117,628				108,611	117,628	226,239
Bulgaria	17	880				17	880	897
Burkina Faso	516	160				516	160	676
Burundi	139	80				139	80	219
Cambodia	388	80				388	80	468
Cameroon	2,249	1,040				2,249	1,040	3,289
Canada	0	218,464				0	218,464	218,464
Cape Verde	1,844	160				1,844	160	2,004
Central African Rep.	602	80				602	80	682
Chad	2,247	80				2,247	80	2,327
Chile	14,966	2,879				14,966	2,879	17,845
China	0	79,565				0	79,565	79,565
Colombia	6,286	8,716				6,286	8,716	15,002
Comoros	2,247	80				2,247	80	2,327
Congo	1,569	240				1,569	240	1,809
Congo Dem.Rep	2,699	560				2,699	560	3,259
Cook Islands	0	80	80			0	0	0
Costa Rica	4,248	1,279				4,248	1,279	5,527
Cote d'Ivoire	0	720	700			0	20	20
Croatia	14,796	2,399				14,796	2,399	17,195
Cuba	8,679	1,919				8,679	1,919	10,598
Cyprus	0	2,719			2,719	0	0	0
Czech Republic	0	8,556	8,556			0	0	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/99	Pledges for 2000	Collections During 1999 for 2000 & future yrs	Collections in 2000 for prior yrs	Collections During 2000 for 2000 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2000	Unpaid Pledges for 2000 & Prior years
Denmark	(1,000)	55,336			54,336	(1,000)	1,000	0
Djibouti	247	80				247	80	327
Dominica	0	80	133			0	(53)	(53)
Dominica Rep.	2,150	1,199				2,150	1,199	3,349
Ecuador	4,190	1,599				4,190	1,599	5,789
EEC	0	149,625			149,625	0	0	0
Egypt	4,892	5,198		4,892	5,198	0	0	0
El Salvador	3,947	960				3,947	960	4,907
Equatorial Guinea	2,247	80				2,247	80	2,327
Eritrea	0	80	60		20	0	0	0
Estonia	0	960	960			0	0	0
Ethiopia	0	480	480			0	0	0
Fiji	0	320	261		302	0	(243)	(243)
Finland	0	43,421				0	43,421	43,421
France	0	523,369			523,369	0	0	0
Gabon	2,278	1,199				2,278	1,199	3,477
Gambia	520	80				520	80	600
Georgia	39,378	560				39,378	560	39,938
Germany	0	788,212				0	788,212	788,212
Ghana	1,678	560				1,678	560	2,238
Greece	26,419	28,068				26,419	28,068	54,487
Grenada	0	80	80			0	0	0
Guatemala	5,937	1,439				5,937	1,439	7,376
Guinea	1,708	240				1,708	240	1,948
Guinea-Bissau	1,768	80				1,768	80	1,848
Guyana	1,418	80				1,418	80	1,498

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/99	Pledges for 2000	Collections During 1999 for 2000 & future yrs	Collections in 2000 for prior yrs	Collections During 2000 for 2000 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2000	Unpaid Pledges for 2000 & Prior years
Haiti	1,154	160				1,154	160	1,314
Honduras	2,518	240				2,518	240	2,758
Hungary	0	9,596				0	9,596	9,596
Iceland	0	2,559			2,559	0	0	0
India	18	23,909				18	23,909	23,927
Indonesia	32,147	15,033		13,849		18,298	15,033	33,331
Iran	74,954	12,874				74,954	12,874	87,828
Ireland	0	17,912				0	17,912	17,912
Israel	0	27,988				0	27,988	27,988
Italy	0	434,768			434,768	0	0	0
Jamaica	1,090	480		1,090	480	0	0	0
Japan	904,222	1,496,250		904,222	520,778	0	975,472	975,472
Jordan	1,090	480				1,090	480	1,570
Kazakhstan	53,248	3,838				53,248	3,838	57,086
Kenya	(16)	560				(16)	560	544
Kiribati	0	80				0	80	80
Korea, Dem. People's Rep.	15,895	1,199				15,895	1,199	17,094
Korea, Rep. of	0	80,444				0	80,444	80,444
Kyrgyztan	4,631	480				4,631	480	5,111
Lao PDR	95	80				95	80	175
Latvia	0	1,359	1,359			0	0	0
Lebanon	846	1,279				846	1,279	2,125
Lesotho	628	160				628	160	788
Liechtenstein	0	480	480			0	0	0
Lithuania	1,656	1,199				1,656	1,199	2,855

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/99	Pledges for 2000	Collections During 1999 for 2000 & future yrs	Collections in 2000 for prior yrs	Collections During 2000 for 2000 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2000	Unpaid Pledges for 2000 & Prior years
Luxembourg	0	5,438			5,438	0	0	0
Macedonia	620	320				620	320	940
Madagascar	0	240	787			0	(547)	(547)
Malawi	151	160		151	160	0	0	0
Malaysia	0	14,634				0	14,634	14,634
Maldives	690	80	80			690	0	690
Mali	1,844	160				1,844	160	2,004
Marshall Island	75	80				75	80	155
Mauritania	1,078	80				1,078	80	1,158
Mauritius	0	720			720	0	0	0
Mexico	26,045	79,565				26,045	79,565	105,610
Micronesia, Fed. States	75	80				75	80	155
Moldova, Rep. of	20,162	800				20,162	800	20,962
Monaco	36	320		36	264	0	56	56
Mongolia	151	160		151	160	0	0	0
Morocco	(1,903)	3,279				(1,903)	3,279	1,376
Mozambique	0	80	80			0	0	0
Myanmar	0	640				0	640	640
Namibia	0	560	560			0	0	0
Nauru	2,367	80				2,367	80	2,447
Nepal	(2,082)	320			621	(2,082)	(301)	(2,383)
Netherlands	0	130,502				0	130,502	130,502
New Zealand	0	17,672			17,672	0	0	0
Nicaragua	15	80				15	80	95
Niger	1,844	160				1,844	160	2,004

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/99	Pledges for 2000	Collections During 1999 for 2000 & future yrs	Collections in 2000 for prior yrs	Collections During 2000 for 2000 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2000	Unpaid Pledges for 2000 & Prior years
Nigeria	3,011	2,559				3,011	2,559	5,570
Niue	0	80	80			0	0	0
Norway	0	48,778	558			0	48,220	48,220
Oman	0	4,078	4,078			0	0	0
Pakistan	4,441	4,718				4,441	4,718	9,159
Panama	1,722	1,040				1,722	1,040	2,762
Papua New Guinea	0	560	1,100			0	(540)	(540)
Paraguay	2,397	1,120				2,397	1,120	3,517
Peru	0	7,917				0	7,917	7,917
Philippines	0	6,477	3,054			0	3,423	3,423
Poland	0	15,673	15,673			0	0	0
Portugal	0	34,465				0	34,465	34,465
Qatar	0	2,639				0	2,639	2,639
Romania	0	4,478				0	4,478	4,478
Russian Federation	357,492	86,122				357,492	86,122	443,614
Rwanda	1,078	80				1,078	80	1,158
St.Kitts &Nevis	0	80				0	80	80
St. Lucia	0	80				0	80	80
Saint Vincent & Grenadines	1,418	80				1,418	80	1,498
Samoa	0	80	80			0	0	0
San Marino	0	160			160	0	0	0
Senegal	764	480				764	480	1,244
Seychelles	3,195	160				3,195	160	3,355
Sierra Leone	2,247	80				2,247	80	2,327

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/99	Pledges for 2000	Collections During 1999 for 2000 & future yrs	Collections in 2000 for prior yrs	Collections During 2000 for 2000 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2000	Unpaid Pledges for 2000 & Prior years
Singapore	0	14,314	14,314			0	0	0
Slovak	0	2,799	2,799			0	0	0
Slovenia	0	4,878			4,878	0	0	0
Solomon Is.	1,768	80				1,768	80	1,848
South Africa	0	29,267				0	29,267	29,267
Spain	0	207,189			207,189	0	0	0
Sri Lanka	1,541	960				1,541	960	2,501
Sudan	2,220	560				2,220	560	2,780
Suriname	301	320				301	320	621
Swaziland	0	160			160	0	0	0
Sweden	0	86,282			86,282	0	0	0
Switzerland	0	97,157			97,157	0	0	0
Syria	11,531	5,118				11,531	5,118	16,649
Tajikistan	887	320				887	320	1,207
Togo	1,768	80				1,768	80	1,848
Tonga	75	80				75	80	155
Trinidad & Tobago	3,195	1,279				3,195	1,279	4,474
Tunisia	0	2,239	2,239			0	0	0
Turkey	26,015	35,184		22,160		3,855	35,184	39,039
Turkmenistan	5,973	480				5,973	480	6,453
Uganda	(1,907)	320				(1,907)	320	(1,587)
Ukraine	167,254	15,193				167,254	15,193	182,447
U. K.	0	407,020			407,020	0	0	0
Un.Rep. of Tanzania	1,229	240				1,229	240	1,469
Uruguay	12,968	3,838		4,520		8,448	3,838	12,286

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/99	Pledges for 2000	Collections During 1999 for 2000 & future yrs	Collections in 2000 for prior yrs	Collections During 2000 for 2000 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2000	Unpaid Pledges for 2000 & Prior years
Uzbekistan	11,945	1,999				11,945	1,999	13,944
Vanuatu	75	80				75	80	155
Venezuela	(18,461)	12,794				(18,461)	12,794	(5,667)
Viet Nam	0	560	560			0	0	0
Yemen	2,096	800				2,096	800	2,896
Zambia	0	160	140			0	20	20
Zimbabwe	0	720				0	720	720
Sub Total	2,316,222	5,985,010	179,906	1,147,152	2,522,275	1,169,071	3,282,829	4,451,900
Additional Contributions						0		
USA	0	125,000				0	125,000	125,000
Canada	0	800,000			800,000	0	0	0
Quebec	0	200,000	0			0	200,000	200,000
Grand Total	2,316,222	7,110,010	179,906	1,147,152	3,322,275	1,169,071	3,607,829	4,776,900

ANNEX VI

LIST OF MEETINGS TO BE ORGANIZED BY THE
SECRETARIAT OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
(As of 31 March 2000)

2000		
<u>DATES</u>	<u>MEETING TITLE</u>	<u>VENUE</u>
20 – 23 January 2000	Informal Consultations on a Biosafety Protocol	Montreal, Canada (ICAO/Delta Hotel)
24 January 2000 at 8 a.m..	Bureau of COP4	Montreal (SCBD premises)
24 – 29 January 2000	Resumed Session of the First Extraordinary Meeting of the COP to finalize and adopt a Protocol on Biosafety	Montreal, Canada (ICAO/Delta Hotel)
29 January 2000	First Organizational Meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (ICCP)	Montreal, Canada (ICAO/Delta Hotel)
29 January 2000 (2 to 6 p.m.)	Informal Advisory Committee of the CHM	Montreal (SCBD premises)
30 January 2000 at 2 p.m.	Bureau of SBSTTA	Montreal (SCBD premises)
31 January – 4 February 2000	Fifth Meeting of the SBSTTA	Montreal (ICAO Building)
31 January (1-3 pm)	Meeting of CHM National Focal Points	Montreal (ICAO Building)
4 February 2000	Extended SBSTTA Bureau Meeting	Montreal (SCBD premises)
13-14 March 2000	Meeting of the Bureau of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Paris, France
13-17 March	Pacific Islands workshop and COP5 Preparatory Meeting	Nadi, Fiji
20-23 March 2000	Regional COP-5 Preparatory Meeting for Europe	Riga, Latvia
27-31 March 2000	Ad Hoc Working Group on Article 8(j)	Seville, Spain
10 April 2000	Bureau of COP4	Bratislava, Slovakia
14 May 2000	Bureau of COP4	UNEP-Headquarters Nairobi, Kenya
15-26 May 2000	Fifth Meeting of the COP	UNEP Headquarters Nairobi, Kenya

ANNEX VII

**CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES
TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
Fifth Meeting - Nairobi, Kenya
15-26 May 2000**

Item [2] of the provisional agenda

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Election of Officers.
3. Adoption of Agenda.
4. Organization of Work.
5. Report on the credentials of representatives to the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
6. Pending Issues.
7. Date and venue of the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

II. ADOPTION OF REPORTS

8. Reports of Regional Meetings.
9. Reports from the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.
10. Report of the intersessional meeting on the operations of the Convention.
11. Report of the working group on the implementation of Article 8(j) and related provisions.
12. Report on the status of the Biosafety Protocol.
13. Report of the Global Environment Facility.
14. Report of the Panel of Experts on Genetic Resources.
15. Report from the Executive Secretary on the administration of the Convention and budget for the Trust Fund of the Convention.

III. REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK

16. Thematic areas:

- 16.1 Progress report on the implementation of the programme of work on inland water ecosystems diversity, marine and coastal biological diversity, and forest biological diversity (implementation of decisions IV/4, IV/5, IV/7);
- 16.2 agricultural biological diversity – Review of Programme of Work Phase I, and adoption of multi-year work programme.

17. Crosscutting issues:

- 17.1 Ecosystem approach – adoption of principles (implementation of decision IV/1/B)
- 17.2 Identification, monitoring and assessment, and indicators
- 17.3 Alien species that threaten ecosystems (implementation of decision IV/1/C)
- 17.4 Global Taxonomy Initiative – Implementation and further advance of the Suggestions for Action (implementation of decision IV/1/D)

18. Mechanisms for implementation:

- 18.1 Financial resources and mechanism (Article 20 and 21);
- 18.2 Scientific and technical co-operation and the clearing-house mechanism (Article 18);
- 18.3 Incentive measures (Article 11);
- 18.4 Article 8(j) and related provisions;
- 18.5 Education and public awareness (Article 13);
- 18.6 Impact assessment, liability and redress (Article 14);
- 18.7 National reporting (Article 26).

19. Operations of the Convention.

20. Budget for the Programme of Work for the biennium 2001-2002.

IV. PRIORITY ISSUES FOR REVIEW AND GUIDANCE

21. Consideration of options for conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity in dryland, Mediterranean, arid, semi-arid, grassland and savannah ecosystems.

22. Sustainable use, including tourism.

23. Access to genetic resources.

V. FINAL MATTERS

24. Other matters.

25. Adoption of the report.

26. Closure of the meeting.

List of Documents

UNEP/CBD/COP/5/1	Provisional Agenda
UNEP/CBD/COP/5/2	Report of the fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice
UNEP/CBD/COP/5/3	Report of the fifth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice
UNEP/CBD/COP/5/4	Report of the inter-sessional meeting on the operations of the Convention
UNEP/CBD/COP/5/5	Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Article 8(j) and related provisions
UNEP/CBD/COP/5/6	Report on the status of the Biosafety Protocol
UNEP/CBD/COP/5/7	Report of the Global Environment Facility
UNEP/CBD/COP/5/8	Report of the Panel of Experts on Access and Benefit-Sharing
UNEP/CBD/COP/5/9	Report of the Executive Secretary on the administration of the Convention and budget for the Trust Fund of the Convention
UNEP/CBD/COP/5/10	Progress report on the implementation of programmes of work on inland water ecosystems, marine and coastal, and forest biological diversity
UNEP/CBD/COP/5/11	Review of Programme of Work: Phase I and adoption of multi-year Programme of Work
UNEP/CBD/COP/5/12	Progress report on crosscutting issues
UNEP/CBD/COP/5/13	Progress report on the mechanisms for implementation
UNEP/CBD/COP/5/14	Report on Additional Financial Resources
UNEP/CBD/COP/5/15	Further analysis of the design and implementation of incentive measures
UNEP/CBD/COP/5/16	Synthesis of submissions from governments and international organizations to the questionnaire on liability and redress by the Convention on Biological Diversity
UNEP/CBD/COP/5/17	Operations of the Convention
UNEP/CBD/COP/5/18	Proposed Budget for the Programme of Work for the biennium 2001 – 2002
UNEP/CBD/COP/5/19	Consideration of options for conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity in dryland, mediterranean, arid, semi-arid, grassland and savannah ecosystems
UNEP/CBD/COP/5/20	Sustainable use, including tourism
UNEP/CBD/COP/5/21	Access to genetic resources